

Judge Indu Thomas
Superior Court

Superior Court Judge Indu Thomas is one of the many women working for Thurston County making history.

On April 13, 2007, Indu Thomas became the first person of color to serve on the Thurston County Superior Court bench. Since that day she has served Thurston County residents in a multitude of ways; first as a Superior Court Commissioner, presiding over cases at Family and Juvenile Court and more recently as a Superior Court Judge. Since November 1, 2021, Judge Thomas has been hearing civil and criminal matters at main campus. She has the distinction of being the 37th individual, the 10th woman and the 1st Indian American to serve as a Judge in this county.

Before coming to the bench, Judge Thomas enforced the law as an assistant attorney general, drafted the law as nonpartisan legal counsel to the State Senate and defended individuals as a public defender. She attributes her career focus on public service to her parents. She is the daughter of immigrants who taught her about strength, resilience, love, and authentic leadership.

Judge Thomas is deeply involved in the Thurston County community outside of work. Since 2003, she has been a board member and honorary board member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington. She has also been a board member with Find Your Future, a civic organization devoted to career exploration for high school students. She has been an active member of multiple committees for the Superior Court Judges Association (SCJA) and currently serves as the co-chair of the SCJA Education Committee. She received the rare privilege of serving as the Dean of the State Judicial College from 2019-2021. She has been an active member of the Honorable Robert J. Bryan Inn of Court and currently serves on the Executive Committee. Judge Thomas is an active member of her church singing in the choir, serving on committees and teaching Sunday School. Judge Thomas and her husband settled in Thurston County in 1999 and raised their now adult son in this community.

Judge Thomas was asked to write "A View from The Bench" for the Thurston County Bar Association's March 2022 edition of the Legal Brief. In honor of Women's History Month, she chose to write about two women who have inspired her both in her youth and in her career today. This article gives you a window into her philosophy. Please see pages 4 and 6 for the article: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/426325639/>

Thank you, Judge Indu Thomas, for making history in Thurston County!